

Sacred Fire

Jerusalem's
Easter
Ceremony

ONCE every year Jerusalem, the Mecca of the Christian world, awakens to some semblance of its former glory. This is at Easter tide, when the roads leading to the Holy City are thronged with pilgrims who come from the remotest parts of the earth. The goal of all these pilgrims is the holy sepulcher. The present edifice consists of a great rotunda which is open to Christians of all sects, but attached to its sides are a multitude of churches, chapels and shrines belonging to the different creeds, in which are to be seen no less than thirty-seven "holy places" of more or less doubtful authenticity. In the center of the rotunda stands the supposed tomb of our Lord, the holy sepulcher. It is a little square chapel twenty-five feet in length and height and is covered with votive lamps, vases and images. Inside is the actual tombstone, a marble slab about five feet long, the chamber containing it being so small that only four or five persons are able to kneel before the tomb at one time.

Every sect celebrates Easter in a different fashion, and many curious cere-



GREEK PRIEST WITH THE HOLY FIRE

monies are observed in the vicinity of the holy sepulcher at that season. One of the most interesting is that known as the "adoration of the column of the scourging," which is held in one of the Roman Catholic chapels. Here a broken pillar of red granite, believed by the credulous pilgrims to be the very pillar to which our Lord was bound when he was scourged, is exposed on the altar for the edification of the faithful. Among the eastern Christians, especially the Russians, this relic is held in great veneration, and as it is uncovered once a year, on Holy Thursday, the crowd to view it is immense, the people struggling and fighting for a foremost place; while the Turkish soldiers, whose duty it is to keep order in the sanctuary, use their long whips on men and women alike.

The ceremony of foot washing is performed by two sects—the Roman Catholics and the Greeks.

The ceremony connected with the "holy fire" takes place beneath the central dome and around the holy sepulcher. From Good Friday to Easter eve this part of the edifice is closed. The people, however, who are inside—and some go there two or three days in advance—are not expelled. According to ancient tradition, the sacred fire descends from heaven into the holy sepulcher once every year, on the afternoon of Easter eve, and this fire is supposed to cleanse the faithful from their sins. Every one, therefore, who wishes to take part in this mysterious rite provides himself with a bundle of candles, which he will light from the sacred fire itself. The people, who belong exclusively to the Orthodox Greek church, crowd the whole interior of the rotunda and the great gallery overlooking the tomb, and as Easter eve wears on they work themselves into a state of intense excitement, calling upon the sacred fire to descend. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon a Greek priest, borne on the shoulders of several half-naked porters, makes his way into the crowd and, approaching one of the two holes in the wall of the tomb, thrusts a torch into the interior, where the Greek patriarch of Jerusalem and his chief clergy are at prayer. A moment later he withdraws it alight—with the sacred fire—and it is carried by the porters through the throng to the Greek chapel.

The crowd in a state of frenzy rushes toward the priest to try to light a candle at the sacred torch, and the vast edifice resounds with the cry, "The fire has come!" To protect the priest the Turkish soldiers are obliged to drive back the people with the butts of their guns, while the police keep them in order with the lash. The only persons who remain calm are the governors of Jerusalem and his principal officers, who, seated on a raised dais, survey the scene with true Turkish imperturbability.—London Graphic.

IN THE BEST OF HUMOR.

"He isn't as black as he's painted."
"No, and his wife isn't as white as she's powdered."—Detroit Tribune.

"What is the best cure for gout?"
"My income; it cures me by not permitting me to have it."—Houston Post.

Remsen—is that card club you and your wife joined a progressive bridge club?
Park Slope (wearily)—Not very.—Harper's Weekly.

She—Some people don't know what's good for them in this world!
He—Yes, but they're better off than the people that know and haven't the price to get it!—Detroit Free Press.

Mrs. Jones (reading)—A man in Ohio sells his wife to a blind peddler for 10 cents. Isn't that awful?
Mr. Jones—It certainly is—anybody who will stick a blind man is no good.—Puck.

Miss Accum—I've often wondered, Mr. Rymes, why you poets always speak of the moon as "silver."
Mr. Rymes—Well—or—I suppose it's because of the quarters and halves.—Philadelphia Press.

Cholly—I hinted to your father that I expected to inherit several pieces of property.
Miss Sweet—What did he say?
Cholly—He said "Deeds speak louder than words."—Brooklyn Citizen.

"I see, Josiah, that somebody has found out that college life decreases the desire of girls to marry."
"I'll bet the trouble is, Nancy, that it decreases the desire of the young fellows to marry 'em."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Do you consider that official's career a success?"
"Yes," answered the practical politician. "He went through a whole term of office without colliding with a grand jury."—Washington Star.

Mr. Oldboy (tentatively)—If a man were, say, 50 and the woman of his choice about 20, do you think that would lead to an unhappy marriage?
Miss Young—I think it would be more likely to lead to a rejected proposal.—Catholic Standard.

"What are the bees doing?"
"They are working hard to make honey."
"And what is the man doing?"
"He is loafing around till the honey is made."
"And what will he do then?"
"Bless your innocence! He'll rob the bees."—Atlanta Constitution.

MY GARDEN.

© (From Harper's Weekly.)
There is a garden in my soul,
A garden where I may not go,
Where all the day the sun shines fair
And only softest zephyrs blow.

The winding pathways cross the turf
Thro' sunshine to the rosy shade
Under the low arched chestnut trees
And elms, that through the quiet glade.

Out in the noisy street I fare,
With all its dust and hideous cries,
Lonely, and slaving at my task
As long as daylight fills the skies.

But some times for an hour I steal
And by the gate, beneath the stars,
I lean and long and look within,
And cool my forehead on the bars.
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Schedule in Effect Nov. 27, 1904.

7:40 a. m.—Chicago Express for the West daily. Buffet Parlor Car Norfolk to Lynchburg and Roanoke. Pullman Sleeper to Columbus and Cincinnati.
9:25 a. m.—Ocean Shore Limited daily for Richmond, and daily except Sunday for Washington. Stops only at Suffolk, Waverly, Petersburg. Connects with Roanoke express leaving Petersburg 1:45 p. m. for Lynchburg, Roanoke and intermediate stations.

4:30 p. m.—Richmond Limited for Richmond and Washington. Stops only at Suffolk, Waverly and Petersburg.

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Cape Charles Route

Schedule Effective Mon., Nov. 28, 1904.

NORTHBOUND. | No. 94. | No. 82.

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| Lv. Portsmouth | 7:25 a.m. | 5:30 p.m. |
| Lv. Norfolk | 7:45 a.m. | 6:15 p.m. |
| Lv. Old Point | 8:40 a.m. | 7:20 p.m. |
| Lv. Cape Charles | 10:55 a.m. | 9:25 p.m. |
| Ar. Wilmington | 5:00 p.m. | 4:15 a.m. |
| Ar. Philadelphia | 6:44 p.m. | 6:10 a.m. |
| Ar. New York (West 23d St.) | 8:15 p.m. | 8:00 a.m. |

SOUTHBOUND. | No. 89. | No. 97.

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| Lv. New York (West 23d St.) | 7:55 a.m. | 8:25 p.m. |
| Lv. Philadelphia | 10:15 a.m. | 11:05 p.m. |
| Lv. Wilmington | 10:58 a.m. | 11:50 p.m. |
| Lv. Cape Charles | 4:40 p.m. | 6:43 p.m. |
| Lv. Old Point | 6:35 p.m. | 7:25 a.m. |
| Ar. Norfolk | 8:00 p.m. | 8:45 a.m. |
| Ar. Portsmouth | 8:15 p.m. | 9:05 a.m. |

*Trains 24 and 89 are daily except Sunday.

†Trains 82 and 97 are daily.

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10:10 a. m. Daily Fast Train to Richmond (stopping only at Williamsburg), arrives Richmond 11:45 a. m., connecting with "St. Louis Special" leaving 2 p. m. with Pullman for Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Chicago; and Pullman service for St. Louis and Louisville. Buffet Parlor Car Old Point to Richmond. Leaves Fort Monroe, 9:40 a. m.; Hampton, 9:48 a. m.

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Leave Norfolk: 6:20; 7:30; 8:00; 10:30; 12:00; 1:30; 3:00; 4:30; 6:00; 8:00.

Leave shipyard gate for Norfolk: 7:15; 8:45; 10:15; 11:45; 1:15; 2:45; 4:15; 5:45; 7:45 and 9:00.

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SCHEDULE IN EFFECT JAN. 8, 1905.

ROUTE. | No. 41. | No. 33.

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| Lv. Norfolk (Via Ferry) | 9:00 a.m. | 9:00 p.m. |
| Lv. Portsmouth | 9:25 a.m. | 9:30 p.m. |
| Lv. Suffolk | 9:54 a.m. | 10:03 p.m. |
| Ar. Lewiston, N.C. | 1:00 p.m. | |

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| Lv. Weldon | 11:55 a.m. | 12:05 a.m. |
| Lv. Henderson | 2:10 p.m. | 2:25 a.m. |
| Lv. Raleigh | 4:00 p.m. | 4:15 a.m. |
| Ar. So. Pine | 6:16 p.m. | 6:20 a.m. |
| Ar. Hamlet | 7:30 p.m. | 7:16 a.m. |
| Ar. Wilmington | 11:50 p.m. | 12:45 p.m. |

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| Ar. Charlotte | 10:45 p.m. | 10:08 a.m. |
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| Lv. Hamlet | 10:10 p.m. | 7:35 a.m. |
| Lv. Columbia | 12:20 a.m. | 9:55 a.m. |

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| Ar. Augusta | | 6:20 p.m. |
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| Ar. Savannah | 4:40 a.m. | 2:20 p.m. |
| Ar. Jacksonville | 8:55 a.m. | 7:00 p.m. |
| Ar. Tampa | 6:35 a.m. | 7:35 a.m. |

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| Lv. Hamlet, N.C. | 10:15 p.m. | 7:35 p.m. |
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